

- CDC Workshops Continue to Attract All
- Star Job Specialists SHINE!
- Students Excel in State Competitive Events
- Vendors Highlight This Year's Conference

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# Jobs for Montana's Graduates

## The Core of Our Future

### Career Development Conference in Butte a Success!

The 16th Annual Career Development Conference was held at the Butte Copper King Lodge on May 2nd and 3rd with over 300 students, Job Specialists, judges and guests in attendance. More than 30 schools throughout Montana were represented at this year's conference.

Montana Youth ChalleNGe program of Dillon, Brockton and Whitehall all were participating for the first time.

Vendors representing over 20 civic, career and vocational organizations set up their tables in the Tennis dome on the Copper King grounds. Post-secondary educational institutions and corporate and non-profit groups displayed what opportunities they have to offer high school graduates.

The workshops included Army National Guard, Forensics, Self-Hypnosis, Sheet Metal, Meth Awareness and Leadership and Teambuilding. These workshops presented a wide array of information.

The competitive events were once again the main focus of the conference, as the students competed in 27 different competitive events. These events are related to the JMG curriculum and give the students an opportunity to present their creativity and knowledge.

The students, Job Specialists and other guests gathered for pizza, bowling and a dance on Tuesday evening. They were then given the chance to visit with other individuals from all over the state.

Concluding the conference on Wednesday afternoon was the Awards Luncheon with Lieutenant Governor John Bohlinger as guest speaker. His speech focused on the importance of a quality education and how that can impact the student's future.

Competitive events, workshops, vendors, guest speakers and additional entertainment made this annual event a memorable one.



### JAG Turns 25!

The National JAG organization (Jobs for America's Graduates) turned 25 years old this year with many celebratory events planned for the year.

This program continues to thrive in over 27 states throughout the United States.

Jobs for America's Graduates has demonstrated 25 years of consistent and remarkable success.

The JAG Model consists of a comprehensive set of services designed to keep young people

in school through graduation and improve the rate of success in achieving education and career goals.

More than 500,000 youth have received services since JAG's inception in 1980. The ultimate goal is for participants to receive a diploma or GED, secure a quality job, pursue a post-secondary education and/or seek career advancement opportunities.



This Winning LOGO was designed by PAL (Project for Alternative Learning) and was featured on the T-shirt and other documents at CDC.

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## Star Job Specialists

Job Specialists that are involved in the Jobs for Montana's Graduates program receive recognition throughout the school year and we would like to honor those teachers.

### Susan Swanson—Plains High School

Susan Swanson is retiring! Susan began teaching JMG in 1992. She had one of the first JMG programs in Montana. Enjoy every minute of your retirement. JMG

### Vickie Kaufman—Bridger High School

The seniors students at Bridger HS love their JMG teacher. To show their appreciation and to say goodbye, they gave Ms. Kaufman a new chair for her desk. Vickie also received the Classroom Star award for her Family and Consumer Science class.

### Margie Chinadle—North Star High

Margie was selected as the Region V Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher. Way to go, Margie!

### Teachers Leaving JMG

**Krista Hertz**—Roberts High School

**Rebecca Ginter**—Frazer High School

**Bill Isbell**—Geyser High School

**Troy DeBoard**—Dutton/Brady High School

**Good Luck On Your New Adventures!**

### Veronica Small—Eastman Lodge Grass High School

Veronica is the State Representative from Lodge Grass—District 6. Veronica is serving her second term.



Over 20 Vendors exhibited displays of their various organizations, schools and military prowess at the 16th annual Career Development Conference.

## Competitive Events & Vendors

The Anaconda Job Corps vendor's booth was one of many at CDC. Information tables filled the south end of the Tennis Dome in Butte.



Many students received recognition for competitive events during the Awards Ceremony for the Career Development Conference. Over 300 attended the luncheon at the Butte Copper King Lodge.



## Workshops Gain Praise

This year's workshops were a big hit at the sixteenth annual Career Development Conference.

Silver State Helicopters showcased the growing career opportunities in helicopter flying, repair & maintenance and training.

The Army National Guard flew in a Chinook helicopter; their "way cool" NASCAR racing machine and freshly made dog tags were

spotted everywhere. The Butte Sheet Metal workers showed us all how to make metal tool boxes...great Mother's Day gifts, by the way!

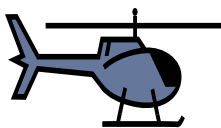
Ryan Applegate from Missoula Parks and Rec had everybody moving and jumping through various leadership exercises.

Patrick Marsolek offered some amazing ideas for teaching our-

selves self-hypnosis and empowerment techniques.

The Montana Drug Task Force gave a very informative presentation on the dangers of methamphetamine.

Julie Long, of the State Forensics Lab in Missoula, once again drew rave reviews for her heavily attended workshop as well.



# Competitive Events

Competition	First	Second	Third
Chapter Banner	Helena PAL	Culbertson	Butte Webster Garfield
Chapter Manual	Helena PAL Project for Alt Learning	Helena High	Butte High
Civic Activities Chapter	Plains	Butte High	Whitefish Independent
Civic Activities Individual	Erica Lansing		
	Butte High		
Critical Thinking Skills Grade 12 (TIE)	Johanna Arnold - Plains	Barb Pfeifer	Brittany Simanton
	Taylor McAnally - Poplar	St. Ignatius	Helena High
Decision Making Grade 10	Taylor Springer	Chelsea Smith	Andrea Olson
	North Star	Helena PAL	Culbertson
Decision Making Grade 11	Jeremy Schleining	Joe Berisford	Kari Reid
	Judith Gap	Whitehall	Plains
Electronic Presentation	Meghann Allison	Joey Rucher	Emily Ness
	Helena PAL	Libby Central Pride	Whitehall
Employment Preparation	Alex Frey	Barbara Steward	Alexia Tindal
	North Star	Plains	Powell County
Exploratory Career Notebook Grade 10	Caitlin Goetz		
	Bridger		
Exploratory Career Notebook Grade 11	Mike Rinaldi	Courtney Butler	Kadie Pederson
	Butte High	Butte Webster Garfield	Plains
Exploratory Career Notebook Grade 12	Amanda Zemljak	Johnna Farlow	Jessica Jezek
	Butte High	Butte Webster Garfield	Havre S.U.N.S.
Life Skills Math Grade 10-11	Mitch Luther	Alyssa Lanz	Brenda Jares
	Judith Gap	Whitehall	Bridger
Life Skills Math Grade 12	Preston Malmberg	Gerri Huang	Maisa McGary
	Powell County	North Star	Butte High



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<b>Poster Slogan Grade 10</b>	<b>Gary Kelly</b>	<b>Josh Ryan</b>	<b>Jenn Ross</b>
	<b>Butte High</b>	<b>Glasgow</b>	<b>Helena PAL</b>
<b>Poster Slogan Grade 11</b>	<b>Jhameil Moore</b>	<b>Harry Kim</b>	<b>Britney Youpee</b>
	<b>Havre High</b>	<b>North Star</b>	<b>Brockton</b>
<b>Poster Slogan Grade 12</b>	<b>Eve Phuthanasaengthong</b>	<b>Lindsey Smith</b>	<b>Amanda Glueckert</b>
	<b>North Star</b>	<b>Havre S.U.N.S.</b>	<b>Helena Capital</b>
<b>Public Speaking Grade 10-11</b>	<b>Antoinette Melbourne</b>	<b>Frank Half Red</b>	<b>Eryn Biggs</b>
	<b>Brockton</b>	<b>Culbertson</b>	<b>St. Ignatius</b>
<b>Public Speaking Grade 12</b>	<b>Taylor McAnally</b>	<b>Gretchen Steinbach</b>	<b>Emily Ness</b>
	<b>Poplar</b>	<b>Plains</b>	<b>Whitehall</b>
<b>Talent (Group)</b>	<b>Butte High</b>	<b>Harlem</b>	<b>Plains</b>
<b>Talent (Individual)</b>	<b>Britney Youpee</b>	<b>Tyler Moss</b>	<b>Kayla Cruise</b>
	<b>Brockton</b>	<b>North Star</b>	<b>Helena Capital</b>
<b>Telephone Techniques Grade 11</b>	<b>Meghann Allison</b>	<b>Stormee Hansen</b>	<b>Kory Hubble</b>
	<b>Helena PAL</b>	<b>Powell County</b>	<b>Whitefish Independent</b>
<b>Telephone Techniques Grade 12</b>	<b>Lesley Doll</b>	<b>Brad Babb</b>	<b>Brittney Metcalf</b>
	<b>Glasgow</b>	<b>Whitehall</b>	<b>Butte High</b>
<b>Webpage Design</b>	<b>North Star</b>	<b>Glasgow</b>	<b>Judith Gap</b>
<b>Words in the Workplace Grade 11</b>	<b>Jared Keller</b>	<b>Ben Azure</b>	<b>Amber Kougioulis</b>
	<b>Helena Capital</b>	<b>Poplar</b>	<b>Butte High</b>
<b>Words in the Workplace Grade 12</b>	<b>Emily Ness</b>	<b>Sarah Daniels</b>	<b>Brandon Lezard</b>
	<b>Whitehall</b>	<b>Billings Career Center</b>	<b>Poplar</b>

### Chairman's Recognition Awards

The following students received recognition by their Job Specialists at the CDC this year for their exemplary accomplishments in the classroom and their communities. The Chairman's Recognition Awards go to: *Amber Badding*, Libby Central Pride; *Seely Bergstad*, Cascade; *Laura Best*, Plains; *Riordan Brockett*, PAL (Project for Alternative Learning); *Autumn Brown*, Havre S.U.N.S. (Students United for New Success); *Jerry Cenguigrana*, Whitehall; *Danny Dorvall*, Bridger; *Amber Durglo*, St. Ignatius; *Sarah Ellerkamp*, Culbertson; *Johnna Farlow*, Butte Webster Garfield; *Alex K. Frey*, North Star, Rudyard; *Jhameil Moore*, Havre High; *Raymond Morin*, Glasgow and *Lisa Rooney*, Butte High.



### Life Skills Math—Grade 12

1st—Preston Malmberg, Powell County  
2nd—Gerri Huang, North Star  
3rd—Maisa McGary, Butte High



### Chapter Banner

1st—Helena PAL  
2nd—Culbertson  
3rd—Butte Webster Garfield



### Webpage Design

1st—North Star / Rudyard  
2nd—Glasgow  
3rd—Judith Gap



Public Speaking winner in grade 10-11, **Antoinette Melbourne** of Brockton HS, gives her speech during the Award's Ceremony.



### Chairman's Recognition Award Winners



Public Speaking winner in grade 12, **Taylor McAnally** of Poplar gives his speech during the Award's Ceremony.



### Group Talent

1st—Butte High  
2nd—Harlem  
3rd—Plains



### Career Exploratory Notebook—Grade 12

1st—Amanda Zemljak, Butte High  
2nd—Johnna Farlow, Butte Webster Garfield  
3rd—Jessica Jezek, Havre S.U.N.S.



### Chapter Civic Activities

1st—Plains  
2nd—Butte High  
3rd—Whitefish Independent

## Scholarship Winners

For the past two years the Student Assistance Foundation has contributed \$2500.00 in grants for scholarships for JMG students. Each student interested must submit an application and a letter stating why they feel they should be awarded with the scholarship. This year four winners were awarded \$250.00: **Lesley Doll**, Glasgow High School; **Sarah Ellerkamp**, Culbertson; **Barbara Steward**, Plains High School and **Desiree Vaughn** of Havre S.U.N.S. Those students receiving scholarships of \$500.00 were: **Johanna L. Arnold** of Plains High School; **Danny Dorvall** of Bridger High School and **Alex K. Frey** from North Star High School in Rudyard.





#### Individual Talent

- 1st—Britney Youpee, Brockton  
2nd—Tyler Moss, North Star  
3rd—Kayla Cruise, Helena Capital



Brockton posing with their new plaque.  
Whitehall and Brockton were two new High Schools that were inducted into JMG.



#### Words in the Workplace—Grade 12

- 1st—Emily Ness, Whitehall  
2nd—Sarah Daniels, Billings Career Ctr  
3rd—Brandon Lezard, Poplar



#### Words in the Workplace—Grade 11

- 1st—Jared Keller, Helena Capital  
2nd—Ben Azure, Poplar  
3rd—Amber Kougioulis, Butte High



#### Decision Making—Grade 10

- 1st—Taylor Springer, North Star  
2nd—Chelsea Smith, Helena PAL  
3rd—Andrea Olson, Culbertson



#### Employment Preparation

- 1st—Alex Frey, North Star  
2nd—Barbara Steward, Plains  
3rd—Alexia Tindal, Powell County

**Decision Making—Grade 11**  
1st—Jeremy Schleining, Judith Gap  
2nd—Joe Berisford, Whitehall  
3rd—Kari Reid, Plains



Have S.U.N.S. program created this batiked banner, one of many on display at the conference this year.



#### Electronic Presentation

- 1st—Meghann Allison, Helena PAL  
2nd—Joey Rucker, Libby Central Pride  
3rd—Emily Ness, Whitehall